GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4644
ANSWERED ON:09.05.2007
HACKING OF WEBSITES
Meghwal Shri Kailash;Mehta Shri Bhubneshwar Prasad

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

:-

(a) whether any Government website including the NIC website has been hacked;

(b) If so, the number of cases of hacking of Government websites have come to the notice of the Government along with the names of Ministries/Department whose websites have been hacked during the last three years;

(c) the action taken by the Government against the hacker groups; and

(d) the steps taken to make the Government websites more secure?

Answer

MINISTER O F THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS A ND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) and (b): The list of government websites that are hosted on NICNET and have been hacked during the last three years are:

Website	Website Details/Site Owners
1. http://govtenders.nic.in	Indian Government Tenders Information Systems
2. http://isidev.delhi.nic.in	Institute of Studies in Industrial Development
3. http://punjab.gov.in	Executive Information System of Punjab State Govt.
4. http://delhipolice.nic.in	Delhi Police
5. http://akshaya.kerala.nic.in	Kerala State IT Mission, Govt. of Kerala
6. http://forest.and.nic.in	Government of Andaman
7 http://labour.and.nic.in	Government of Andaman
8. http://alhw.and.nic.in	Government of Andaman
9. http://darpg.nic.in	Dept. of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievance, Min. of Personnel
10.http://oss.kerala.nic.in	Government of Kerala
11.http://treasury.kerala.nic.in	Government of Kerala
12.http://cee.kerala.nic.in	Government of Kerala
13.http://gist.ap.nic.in	GISTNIC, National Informatics Centre
14.http://aphmhidc.ap.nic.in	-
15.http://www.sanwad.nic.in	Govt.of Assam, Sivanagar
16.http://webjk.nic.in	-
17.http://tdil.mit.gov.in	Department of Information Technology
18.http://www.mit.gov.in	Department of Information Technology
19.http://knowledgecommission.gov.in	National Knowledge Comm.

(c): The matter for taking action against hacker group is generally initiated through concerned network service providers. However, the attacks on computer servers of the country are largely being launched from computer servers outside the country, which are not under our control. Due to lack of information about the actual identity of hacker, it is difficult to take action against the hackers.

(d): All NICNET computer systems that host websites are located in a physically protected zone and access to them is controlled using access control, intrusion prevention systems, antivirus software and application level firewall policies. All websites areaudited from the point of view of vulnerabilities before hosting on computers.